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**POLICE SERVICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND**  
**Stop and Search Statistics**  
**2009/10**

**1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010**

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\* those persons stopped and searched/questioned under a combination of legislative powers will be included in the two relevant tables (i.e. there will be some duplication)

**Key Statistics - 1st April 2009 to 31st March 2010**

- Between 1st April 2009 and 31st March 2010, 53,855 persons were stopped and searched/questioned. This is an increase of 23,808 (79.2%) on 2008/09.
- The number of people stopped and searched under PACE was 19.9% higher in 2009/10 (23,990) compared with 2008/09 (20,011).
- There were three-times as many people stopped and searched under Section 44 of TAct in 2009/10 (28,770) compared with 2008/09 (9,548).
- Under the Justice and Security Act, 5,285 people were stopped and questioned under JSA Section 21 and 621 people were stopped and searched under JSA Section 24.

Data Quality: These figures are derived from the PACE 1/TA stop and search form that is completed by police officers. Local Police Districts capture the information from the forms in a spreadsheet and forward this to Central Statistics Unit on a quarterly basis. CSU ensures all returns are forwarded and performs a range of validation checks

## Section 1: Persons Stopped and Searched

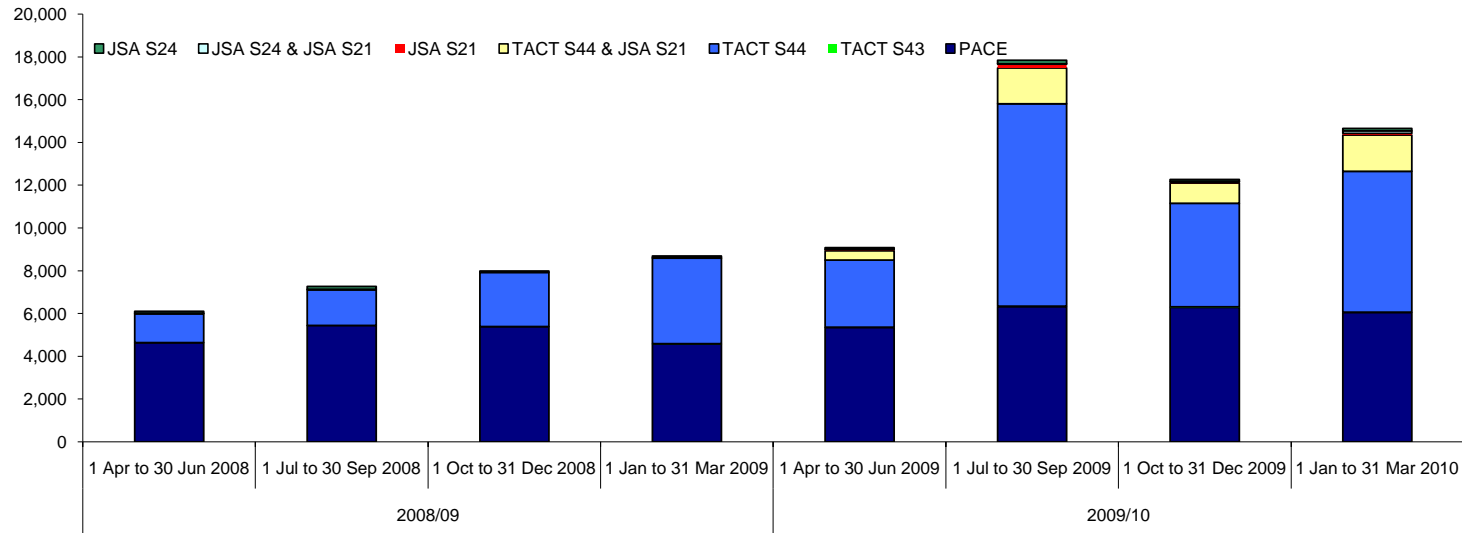
This section highlights the numbers of persons stopped and searched/questioned by each legislative power (or combination of powers)

Number of persons stopped and searched/questioned by each legislation used

	2008/09					2009/10				
	1 Apr to 30 Jun 2008	1 Jul to 30 Sep 2008	1 Oct to 31 Dec 2008	1 Jan to 31 Mar 2009	2008/09 Total	1 Apr to 30 Jun 2009	1 Jul to 30 Sep 2009	1 Oct to 31 Dec 2009	1 Jan to 31 Mar 2010	2009/10 Total
Number of persons stopped and searched under PACE	4,626	5,437	5,380	4,568	20,011	5,346	6,312	6,286	6,046	23,990
Number of persons stopped and searched under TACT S43	16	9	13	18	56	15	34	27	21	97
Number of persons stopped and searched under TACT S44	1,341	1,657	2,524	4,006	9,528	3,143	9,460	4,841	6,586	24,030
Number of persons stopped and searched/questioned under TACTS44 and JSA Section 21	-	-	-	20	20	428	1,676	945	1,691	4,740
Number of persons stopped and questioned under JSA Section 21	14	13	14	19	60	56	184	54	83	377
Number of persons stopped and searched/questioned under JSA Section 24 and JSA Section 21	14	18	-	-	32	10	14	28	116	168
Number of persons stopped and searched under JSA Section 24	95	136	55	54	340	86	165	90	112	453
<b>Total Persons stopped and searched/questioned*</b>	<b>6,106</b>	<b>7,270</b>	<b>7,986</b>	<b>8,685</b>	<b>30,047</b>	<b>9,084</b>	<b>17,845</b>	<b>12,271</b>	<b>14,655</b>	<b>53,855</b>

\* The above table presents the number of stop and search/questions by each legislation including those stop and searches which have used multiple legislations e.g. TACT S44 and JSA S21.

Number of persons stopped and searched/ stopped and questioned under PACE, Terrorism Act and Justice and Security Act - Trend Information



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Number of persons stopped and searched/questioned by each legislative power: 1st April 2009 - 31st March 2010

	PACE	TACT S43	TACT S44	TACT S44 & JSA S21	JSA S21	JSA S24 & JSA S21	JSA S24	TOTAL PERSONS*	
North Belfast	1,621	4	536	267	10	7	17	2,462	North Belfast
West Belfast	1,306	6	861	395	7	33	48	2,656	West Belfast
<b>A District Total</b>	<b>2,927</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1,397</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>5,118</b>	<b>A District Total</b>
East Belfast	821	7	721	2,118	5	1	1	3,674	East Belfast
South Belfast	2,849	12	878	1,691	6	2	19	5,457	South Belfast
<b>B District Total</b>	<b>3,670</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1,599</b>	<b>3,809</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9,131</b>	<b>B District Total</b>
Ards	507	0	121	1	8	0	2	639	Ards
Castlereagh	281	0	151	1	63	0	0	496	Castlereagh
Down	722	1	747	4	53	2	13	1,542	Down
North Down	802	1	704	1	27	0	5	1,540	North Down
<b>C District Total</b>	<b>2,312</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1,723</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4,217</b>	<b>C District Total</b>
Antrim	1,138	3	541	93	6	0	11	1,792	Antrim
Carrickfergus	415	0	384	0	0	0	0	799	Carrickfergus
Lisburn	1,905	0	2,296	0	10	0	38	4,249	Lisburn
Newtownabbey	1,054	1	962	0	1	0	3	2,021	Newtownabbey
<b>D District Total</b>	<b>4,512</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4,183</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>8,861</b>	<b>D District Total</b>
Armagh	420	28	814	14	3	0	19	1,298	Armagh
Banbridge	188	0	227	0	2	0	1	418	Banbridge
Craigavon	1,106	6	1,192	13	33	11	2	2,363	Craigavon
Newry and Mourne	677	4	773	2	5	0	24	1,485	Newry and Mourne
<b>E District Total</b>	<b>2,391</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>3,006</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>5,564</b>	<b>E District Total</b>
Cookstown	587	1	334	0	1	0	25	948	Cookstown
Dungannon	490	1	657	0	5	0	18	1,171	Dungannon
Fermanagh	534	3	846	20	2	0	1	1,406	Fermanagh
Omagh	776	0	213	24	26	0	7	1,046	Omagh
<b>F District Total</b>	<b>2,387</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2,050</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>4,571</b>	<b>F District Total</b>
Foyle	637	2	3,626	6	14	0	21	4,306	Foyle
Limavady	1,035	0	1,411	0	0	0	0	2,446	Limavady
Magherafelt	271	4	739	84	2	0	24	1,124	Magherafelt
Strabane	401	3	3,632	2	23	0	29	4,090	Strabane
<b>G District Total</b>	<b>2,344</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9,408</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>11,966</b>	<b>G District Total</b>
Ballymena	1,494	5	295	4	11	88	23	1,920	Ballymena
Ballymoney	200	2	42	0	6	0	21	271	Ballymoney
Coleraine	1,106	0	209	0	42	2	73	1,432	Coleraine
Larne	443	2	65	0	1	22	1	534	Larne
Moyle	204	1	53	0	5	0	7	270	Moyle
<b>H District Total</b>	<b>3,447</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>4,427</b>	<b>H District Total</b>
<b>NI Overall</b>	<b>23,990</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>24,030</b>	<b>4,740</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>53,855</b>	<b>NI Overall</b>

## Section 2: Frequency of Use of Each Legislative Power

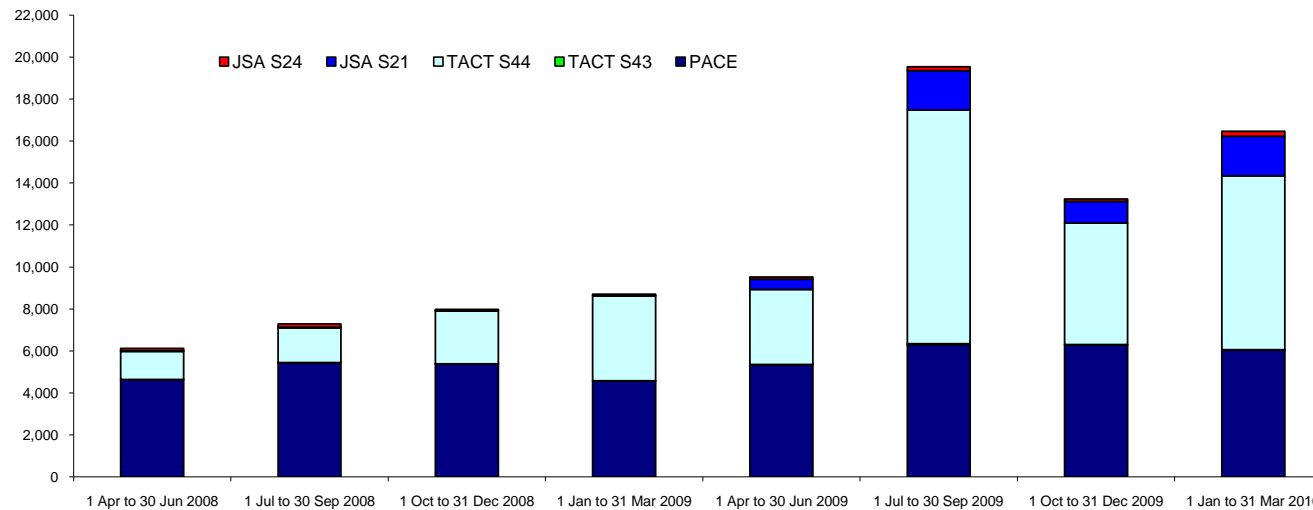
This section highlights the number of times each legislative power was used. Note: As a person can be stopped and searched/questioned under a combination of Terrorism Act and Justice & Security Act legislative powers, there will be some duplication in the following table. (i.e. these individuals are included in Terrorism Act statistics **and** Justice and Security Act statistics)

Number of stop and search/questions under PACE, Terrorism Act and Justice and Security Act - Trend Information

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Number of persons stopped and searched under TACT S44	1,341	1,657	2,524	4,026	9,548	3,571	11,136	5,786	8,277	28,770
Number of persons stopped and questioned under JSA Section 21	28	31	14	39	112	494	1,874	1,027	1,890	5,285
Number of persons stopped and searched under JSA Section 24	109	154	55	54	372	96	179	118	228	621
<b>Total Stop and Search/Questions*</b>	<b>6,120</b>	<b>7,288</b>	<b>7,986</b>	<b>8,705</b>	<b>30,099</b>	<b>9,522</b>	<b>19,535</b>	<b>13,244</b>	<b>16,462</b>	<b>58,763</b>

\* Please note that this is not the total number of persons stopped and searched/questioned as a stop and search/question can be carried out under two different legislations e.g. TACT S44 and JSAS21

Frequency of use of PACE, Terrorism Act and Justice and Security Act powers - Trend Information



### Section 3: PACE Stop and Searches



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Number of persons stopped and searched under PACE by reason for search by Area - 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010

	Stolen property	Drugs	Firearms etc	Offensive weapon	Going equipped	Others	Not specified	TOTAL PERSONS*	
North Belfast	138	807	25	187	371	139	0	1,621	North Belfast
West Belfast	112	564	50	135	414	140	2	1,306	West Belfast
<b>A District Total</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>1,371</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2,927</b>	<b>A District Total</b>
East Belfast	126	246	13	97	279	140	0	821	East Belfast
South Belfast	474	1,023	19	240	723	541	0	2,849	South Belfast
<b>B District Total</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>1,269</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>1,002</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,670</b>	<b>B District Total</b>
Ards	60	201	6	62	74	92	53	507	Ards
Castlereagh	29	119	10	8	79	26	23	281	Castlereagh
Down	80	393	26	21	116	87	12	722	Down
North Down	67	370	5	42	164	154	27	802	North Down
<b>C District Total</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>1,083</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>2,312</b>	<b>C District Total</b>
Antrim	86	687	13	92	123	153	0	1,138	Antrim
Carrickfergus	35	209	3	30	78	67	0	415	Carrickfergus
Lisburn	280	871	22	58	525	297	0	1,905	Lisburn
Newtownabbey	99	446	8	156	205	168	0	1,054	Newtownabbey
<b>D District Total</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>2,213</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>931</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,512</b>	<b>D District Total</b>
Armagh	41	178	7	4	58	121	21	420	Armagh
Banbridge	8	111	5	9	25	34	1	188	Banbridge
Craigavon	113	643	24	99	145	89	37	1,106	Craigavon
Newry and Mourne	71	353	15	31	60	174	1	677	Newry and Mourne
<b>E District Total</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>1,285</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>2,391</b>	<b>E District Total</b>
Cookstown	24	490	0	44	12	17	0	587	Cookstown
Dungannon	31	257	9	31	37	16	116	490	Dungannon
Fermanagh	48	208	7	13	32	84	145	534	Fermanagh
Omagh	71	615	5	17	43	33	5	776	Omagh
<b>F District Total</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>1,570</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>2,387</b>	<b>F District Total</b>
Foyle	87	333	15	39	60	132	0	637	Foyle
Limavady	88	715	4	38	149	69	0	1,035	Limavady
Magherafelt	10	197	2	11	18	33	1	271	Magherafelt
Strabane	64	201	1	7	53	80	0	401	Strabane
<b>G District Total</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>1,446</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2,344</b>	<b>G District Total</b>
Ballymena	190	900	27	74	126	187	0	1,494	Ballymena
Ballymoney	27	58	10	9	21	78	3	200	Ballymoney
Coleraine	87	635	3	123	75	185	23	1,106	Coleraine
Larne	31	224	10	22	74	107	0	443	Larne
Moyle	27	109	0	6	29	36	4	204	Moyle
<b>H District Total</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>1,926</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>3,447</b>	<b>H District Total</b>
<b>NI Overall</b>	<b>2,604</b>	<b>12,163</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>1,705</b>	<b>4,168</b>	<b>3,479</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>23,990</b>	<b>NI Overall</b>

\*Note: As a person can be stopped/ searched for more than one reason, the number of stop/ searches by reason does not sum to the total number of persons stopped/searched